



DECLARATION OF INTENT

BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AND

**THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT, UNITED KINGDOM
OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

WHEREAS the Department of Transportation of the United States of America ("U.S.") and the Department for Transport of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("U.K.") (collectively, "the Participants") intend to cooperate in the area of commercial space transportation activities;

RECOGNIZING the importance of, and mutual benefit to be gained from, working together to protect public safety and property, as well as national security and foreign policy interests in commercial space launch and re-entry activities;

RECOGNIZING the objectives of this cooperation are to reduce duplication of licensing efforts for commercial space transportation activities, and to streamline the dual licensing processes of the U.S. and the U.K. while retaining, maintaining, and promoting acceptable levels of safety, the efficient use of U.S. and U.K. regulatory resources, and minimizing the impact of regulatory costs on the commercial space transportation industry; and

RECOGNIZING that the consistency of requirements and processes for commercial space transportation licensing between governments advances global interoperability for the commercial space transportation industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Participants confirm their intent to enhance safety, encourage efficiency, and work collaboratively in support of a future binding agreement for commercial space transportation launch and re-entry activities by cooperating in the following ways:

1. continuing to meet at regular intervals to conduct discussions and work collaboratively in the following areas:
 - a. assessment of ground safety at launch and re-entry sites, including the roles and responsibilities of government entities and regulators;

- b. assessment of any relevant agreements, arrangements, or licenses (including terms of launch and re-entry site use, Notices to Mariners, Notices to Airmen/ Air Missions, and mishap and accident response);
 - c. assessment of environmental impacts;
 - d. inspections, monitoring, and methods of enforcement;
 - e. commercial space flight safety analysis and risk assessment (safety case and hazard analysis);
 - f. insurance and liability;
 - g. mishap and accident investigation;
 - h. expectations and process details for launch by U.S. companies at designated launch sites in the U.K., and for launch by U.K. companies at designated sites in the U.S.; and
 - i. other current and future areas of interest that may be jointly decided upon; and
2. establishing enhanced partnerships and communication mechanisms to help streamline approval of commercial space transportation activities and to minimize duplication of licensing efforts.

The Participants expressly acknowledge and accept that this Declaration merely constitutes a declaration of the mutual intent of the Participants without any intent to create any binding commitments or obligations between them.


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Title: **Secretary of Transportation**

Date: May 11, 2022

Place: Washington, D.C.


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